

HALL SHADOWED LONG BEFORE DEATH

Witness Reveals He Twice Saw Men Trailing Pastor

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 27.—Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills were shadowed by two strange men for at least a month before being murdered on the old Phillips farm near New Brunswick.

This was revealed today by William C. O'Rourke, a contractor, and witness in the case, who claims that on the night of the killings he tried to drive his auto into De Russey's Lane, but found it "too crowded."

"A month prior to this," O'Rourke told newspaper men, "I was driving through Beucleuch Park with my wife, when I saw two men, one tall and the other short, following a couple walking arm in arm. Their actions aroused my suspicions, and I decided to inform the couple."

Recognized Minister

"Swinging my car around, I hurried after the pair and when I came up to them I recognized Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills. I was too abashed to tell such a thing to a minister and went on about my business. A week later I saw the same men following Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills in another part of the park."

With the first trial only a week off, Special Prosecutor Simpson concentrated his forces upon a final attempt to break down the alibi of Henry Stevens, while subpoenas were being prepared for the 125 witnesses to be called.

Simpson himself conferred at Jersey City this morning with Dr. Otto Schultze, assistant medical examiner of New York, and Detective Lieut. Walter Cieciuch on his plans to exhume the bodies of D. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

A week ago the special prosecutor said he would exhume both bodies. Cieciuch holds a supreme Court order to open the graves. Dr. Schultze, who has been studying the original autopsy records, will conduct the examination.

Meanwhile, the Somerset county grand jury, which went down in defeat before the wily Simpson yesterday, has adjourned its meetings until after the trial.

The jury will not indict Simpson,



Alex. W. Simpson

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After the Hectic Grand Jury Session in Somerville



PROSECUTOR ALEXANDER W. SIMPSON had a hectic day with the Somerset county grand jury in considering developments in the Hall-Mills murder case, but emerged triumphant from the fray. At the left (above) is seen Percival W. Snyder, foreman of the jury, with whom Simpson had a bitter verbal encounter, in which the foreman ran second. In the center is seen a crowd surrounding Simpson after leaving the juryroom. To the right is Mrs. Jane Joliffe, the only woman on the jury. Just what Mrs. Joliffe thought of the rather caustic repartee is not known. It certainly wasn't drawing-room badinage.

son, as had been hinted. Neither will it hand down accessory indictments against Mrs. Minna Clark, Ralph Gorsline or others whom Simpson had hoped to have indicted.

While Percival Snyder, grand jury foreman, and others are openly hostile to Simpson, it is now known that the Hudson county prosecutor had at least one supporter on the jury.

John McGuinness of Bernardsville told Snyder yesterday:—

"Snyder, you are not the whole jury. You cannot run things here to suit yourself!"

Snyder, who caused a split among the jurymen by his warm defense of the late prosecutor, Azariah Beekman, retorted:—

"No, but I'm the jury's foreman."

McGuinness is said to have drawn an avalanche of criticism and abuse upon himself from the anti-Simpson element when he de-

attempts to flirt with her, according to the police.

Peth met the girl in the Adelphi Moving Picture Theater at 3555 Fulton St. He asked her how she

liked the weather, but the girl replied that it was as chilly as she was. Instead of becoming chilled, the iron-worker, the police say, swung his right and landed it on

her face.

The screams of the woman aroused the men in the audience. They pulled Peth out to the rear and severely beat him.

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Sunlight Lamp Seen First Time at Electrical Show

The thousands who attended the Electrical Exposition in the Grand Central Palace received a thrill when electricians turned on the newly invented lamp of Prof. Gamain of Paris, and saw a light of almost pure sunlight fill the big hall, although the hour was long past sunset.

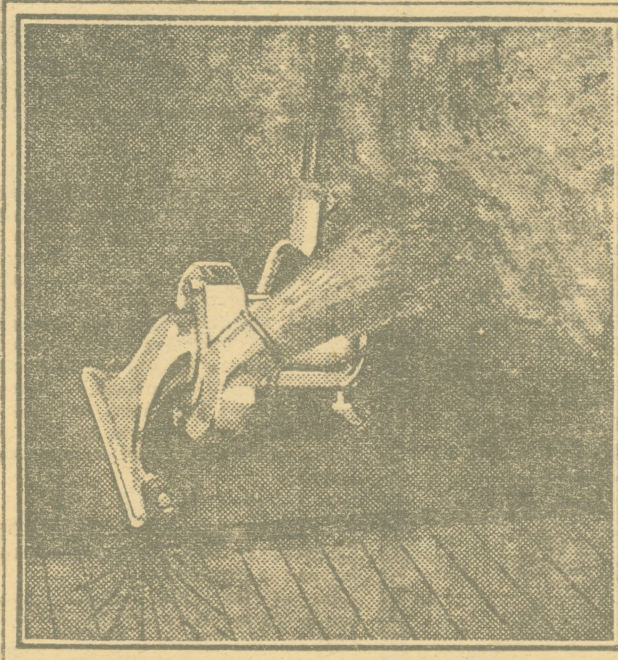
The lamp has been tested by the Bureau of Standards and is known to give light equal to that of the sun, practically turning night into day. The lamp has been adapted for use in the motion picture industry.

Other exhibits included the Sperry searchlight, a 2,000,000,000 candle power apparatus, with a light intensity greater than all New York's Great White Way combined, for anti-aircraft warfare.

Sheik Is Mauled And Lands in Cell For Hitting Girl

Andrew Peth, 24, of 7703 Rockaway Boulevard, Woodhaven, iron-worker and would-be sheik, today is locked up in a cell on a charge of beating a girl who resisted his

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